

SECRETS OF WORLD WAR

Wilson Formulates His 14 Points for Peace.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

FRENCH WAR AIMS AND THE FOURTEEN POINTS.

The war lasted and grew greater. Each passing hour emphasized and confirmed its original character. The beauty of liberty passes everywhere. For half a century Alsace-Lorraine had been the symbol and the flaming torch of the oppressed. From east to west all who believed in the liberation of the oppressed and in the right of peoples to self-determination rallied to the echoes of the Marne and of Verdun. As time passed, the circle of our supporters widened. And then came the democracy of the United States. When the struggle her war aims were indefinite, but in a few weeks she too, understood and had a clear conception of what she was fighting for. From the Atlantic to the Pacific the word went forth: We are going to fight in Europe. Against what? For what? For justice and the liberty of nations. Words, mere words, answer the "realists." Yes, mere words, but words for which millions of soldiers stand ready to die. Words which are a living force. Words which have mobilized the hearts of the people, without which there can be no military mobilization in a democracy. We were fighting for our ideal and for our frontier. America had no frontier to defend, but she adopted our ideal and made it hers.

A War of Peoples.
That is why—be it pleasing or not, a cause for congratulation or regret—the war of 1914 had a meaning and an end of its own before any government had made a declaration. From the first day of the German aggression, there was a war of peoples and of nationalities. A war for popular and national rights. Such it remained to the very end.

The first of these declarations dates from the 30th of December, 1918. It is handed in the name of all the allies to the American ambassador by Mr. Aristide Briand in reply to a German note transmitted by the neutrals. What does it contain? First of all, the principle that "the allied governments are united for the defense of the liberties of peoples." Then the assertion, "No peace is possible until assurances are given that reparations will be made for the rights and liberties that have been violated; that the principles of nationality and of freedom of movement will be recognized, and that some settlement definitely eliminating the causes that have so long menaced the nations establishes the only effective guarantee for the world's safety." The rights of peoples, reparations, league of nations—such is the allies' reply in three lines.

Reply to President Wilson.
The second declaration was on the 10th of January, 1919. Again it is a note, handed, in the name of all the allies, to the American ambassador by Mr. Aristide Briand in reply to a question of President Wilson. The principal is the same, but it is defined in greater detail.

1. Restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro and of the damages they have sustained.
2. Evacuation of the invaded territory of France, Poland, Rumania with full reparations.
3. Reorganization of Europe, guaranteed by a stable regime, based upon the respect of nationality and the right of all peoples, great and small, to pursue their economic development in full security and upon territorial and international conventions guaranteeing land and sea frontiers against unwarranted aggression.
4. Restitution of provinces or territories previously taken from the allies by force or against the will of the inhabitants.
5. Liberation of Italians, Slavs, Rumanians and Czechoslovaks from foreign domination.
6. Liberation of the population subjected to the bloody tyranny of the Turks; rejection out of Europe of the Ottoman empire as foreign to western civilization.
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Allied Aims Agree as Framing of Terms Begins.

The United States, far from modifying the war aims of the European allies, confirmed and defined them. The divergence which later on it was attempted to establish between the former and the latter vanishes in presence of a perusal of the documents. The fourteen points contain no contradiction of the previous programs of peace. On the contrary, they reiterate them. The United States did not conceive a peace different from that which Europe demanded. She defined in similar terms claims that were identical. No modification of the course followed was caused by her declaration. The only result was greater and more complete unity.

French War Guarantees.
Bearing these eight points in mind. We shall meet them again. Six months later, after a long debate, the French parliament in turn deems it necessary to declare its war aims in two formal resolutions. These resolutions asserted "the will of France, true to her alliances, faithful to her ideal of independence and liberty for all peoples, to pursue the war until Alsace-Lorraine are restored, crimes are punished, damages are repaired and guarantees against further aggression by German militarism are secured."

10TH INSTALLMENT TOMORROW.
DENIES REIMBURSEMENT FOR BRIDES' PASSAGE

Yanks Paying Transportation of European Mates Must Bear Expense Themselves.

Soldiers who paid for the transportation of European brides to this country must stand the expense themselves, according to a ruling by Controller General McCall. The government, he held, will not reimburse soldiers for such outlay.

The ruling was handed down in the case of Christopher Piazza, formerly of the Army ambulance service, who asked for reimbursement from the government for passage paid by him for the transportation to this country of his wife, whom he married in 1919 while in service in Italy. Provisions of the law, under which 123 European wives of soldiers were brought to this country at the expense of the government prior to June 5, 1920, Mr. McCall held, do not apply where a soldier has already paid for his wife's passage.

"Such wives were transported," he said, "because the enlisted men were financially unable to bear the cost thereof, and were transported on the credit of the United States to avoid the appearance of wholesale desertions by American soldiers of their European brides. The reimbursement of a soldier who at his own expense transported his European bride to the United States is within neither the reason nor the language of the law."

MEMORIAL ELMS TO BEGIN INTERNATIONAL AVENUE

Trees to Be Planted Armistice Day to Be Followed by Gifts From Other Governments.

Two armistice elms to be planted next Monday morning will mark the beginning of an international avenue on the Lincoln Memorial grounds. The trees, which will be planted by the American Forestry Association, will be the first of a magnificent approach lined with memorial trees to be set in by various governments.

One tree will be for the Army and one for the Navy. The elms will be placed by two representatives from each of the American Legion posts in the District of Columbia. There will be an invocation by Col. John T. Axton, chief of chaplains of the United States Army, and a benediction by Capt. John B. Frazier of the United States Navy.

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Abe Martin Says:



"I'm mighty glad I hain't been murdered yet is th' way I look at things," remarked Mort Beasley, t'day, speakin' o' things in general.

A dandy way t' keep from talkin' too long is t' watch th' faces o' your auditors instead o' lookin' over th'ir heads.

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Promise President to Exert Influence to Make Parley Success.

The services of the country's leading authors in creating sentiment for success of the armaments conference were tendered to President Harding yesterday by a committee of the "Vigilantes," a writers' organization, which performed similar work during the world war. The President was assured that a program of public education on the subject would be kept in prominence during the sessions of the conference, and he expressed his thanks and warm approval.

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